

1st Draft
23 March 1950

The Honorable
The ~~D~~irector of the
Bureau of the Budget
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Washington, D. C.

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

Dear Mr. Pace:

I wish to bring to your attention certain problems ~~with~~ with which this Agency would be faced if any of the current proposals regarding restrictions on the accumulation of annual leave are put into effect. The most recent of these is the proposed Section 1112 of H.R. 7786, a ~~Bill~~ making appropriations for the support of the Government for the Fiscal Year ending ~~July~~ June 30, 1951. While it appears from the press that Section 1112 ^{may} ~~might~~ be the subject of a point of order on the Floor, there appears to be enough discussion of this particular problem to lead me to believe that some legislative or executive solution may be contemplated.

The general tenor of these proposals is that federal employees will not be allowed to accrue annual leave from year to year, but will be forced to utilize their leave in the year in which it accrues.

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If present proposals as to accumulation of home leave are ~~to be~~ put into effect, it would be impossible for our overseas personnel to accrue ~~the~~ thirty days annual leave over a period of two years. If ~~this~~ Section ^{of our Act} were amended to read twenty-six days, or some comparable figure, in the light of current proposals, all of this leave would have to be accumulated during the employee's second year abroad, leaving him no leeway for emergency leave or any leave other than home leave during the second year. In fact, such home leave would ^{probably} have to be taken in his third year of overseas duty.

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In addition to the problem outlined above, this Agency has a special problem in connection with its departmental ~~personnel~~ personnel. As you know, all of our work lies in the field of foreign intelligence, and many of our personnel are highly specialized in particular countries or areas abroad. As part of their background, many of our personnel have taken, or ~~are~~ contemplate taking, extended trips to the areas of their specialties, at their own expense. To this end many of our personnel are accumulating leave, or plan

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to accumulate leave, over a period of two or three years so that they can make protracted trips abroad of ~~from~~ sixty to ~~ninety~~ ^{or more.} days. This would be impossible if current proposals and restrictions regarding ~~leave~~ leave are enacted, as very few persons could afford the personal expense of an overseas trip lasting a mere twenty-six days including travel time.

For the above reasons, I ~~would~~ therefore request your approval that the Central Intelligence Agency be specifically exempted from any proposed limitations on the ~~accumulation~~ accrual of ~~home~~ leave, and that I be permitted to ^{inform} request the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee of such ^{approval} ~~decision~~ should the matter appear to be coming to a head in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

*Asst. Sec.
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